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Friends,

April 4, 2013

Below is a summary of yesterday's Governor & Executive Council meeting.

The big news this week was the nomination of Joe Foster to be the state's next Attorney General and the state's decision to stop pursuing private prisons in NH ([news story](#) & [report here](#)).

Please note: The Executive Council will host a public hearing on Joe Foster's nomination as Attorney General next Wednesday, April 10th at 3pm in the Council Chamber at the NH State House, with a vote likely to follow on 4/17. Members of the public are welcome to testify at the hearing, or to send your input or questions to me in advance.

Yesterday's meeting considered numerous projects impacting residents across this district, including:

- (1) Projects impacting Merrimack Co & Central NH:** Approved \$4.7 MM for replacing the Webster Ave bridge in Henniker; several contracts to smooth refugee resettlement; road re-paving in Webster, Canterbury, Warner & Concord; home energy assistance for local seniors; and the nomination of Major Pettee of Warren in the Army National Guard.
- (2) Projects impacting the Monadnock Region:** OK'd temporary housing support in Keene; federal grants to assist students with disabilities in graduating high school and preparing for college & careers; and reconstructing Winchester St. in Keene.
- (3) Projects impacting Strafford & Belknap Co:** Approved federal grants to outfit mobile command vehicles in Somersworth & Durham; paving projects in Durham, Strafford, & Gilmanton; and confirmation of Major Chamberlin of Dover in the Army National Guard.
- (4) Other projects & policies with statewide impact:** Authorized a contract with "NH Made" to promote NH – made products.
- (5) Confirmations & Nominations:** Confirmed Emma Rous of Durham to the State Board of Ed and heard several nominations (listed below) to be considered on 4/17.

Full details on all these items are included below. The next meeting is on April 17th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know – and **if you prefer not to receive these updates, just drop me an email and let me know and I'll remove you from this list.**

Sincerely,
Colin

FULL 4/3 AGENDA: <http://1.usa.gov/ZtdiB3>
(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH PROJECTS

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance to enter into an agreement with the Town of Henniker, to provide funding and services under the Federal Aid Bridge Program and the State Aid Bridge Program

through a local project administration process, for an amount totaling \$4,712,760. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2017. **73% Federal, 7% Highway, 20% Other Funds.**

Authorized to enter into a contract with [Lutheran Community Services, Inc.](#), Concord, NH, to provide direct services to NH refugees, in an amount not to exceed \$170,000; a contract with [Bhutanese Community of NH Inc.](#), Manchester, NH, to provide services for NH refugees, aged 60 and over, in the amount not to exceed \$75,000; and a contract with [Lutheran Community Services, Inc.](#), Concord, NH, to provide services for NH refugees, aged 60 and over, in the amount not to exceed \$120,000. All statewide with a focus on Concord, effective **retroactive** to October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Paving Inc., Londonderry, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 26.3 miles of mainline and ramps on the F.E. Everett Turnpike at several locations in the Towns of Bow and Hooksett and in the Cities of Concord and Nashua, on the basis of a low bid of \$4,105,271.40. Effective upon G&C approval through September 13, 2013. **100% Turnpike Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Paving Inc., Londonderry, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 23.4 miles in District V and in Merrimack, Hillsborough, and Rockingham Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,879,252. Effective upon G&C approval through September 27, 2013. **100% Betterment Funds.**

[Authorized](#) to enter into a **sole source** contract with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH, for the Senior Energy Assistance Services Program, in the amount of \$7,166. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2013. **100% Other Funds (NH DHHS).**

Authorized the nomination of Captain Jeffrey C. Pettee, Warren, NH, for promotion to the rank of Major, NH Army National Guard. This officer meets all prerequisites for this grade, having been found to be physically, mentally, and professionally qualified.

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK PROJECTS

[Authorized](#) to enter into a **retroactive** agreement with Southwestern Community Services Inc., Keene, NH, to provide temporary housing and supportive services for up to 16 individuals at Next Steps in Keene, NH, in the amount of \$90,183. Effective April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) to enter into a **sole source** contract with Monadnock Developmental Services, Keene, NH, to develop and provide training and technical assistance to local education agencies in their region under the State Personnel Development Grant, in an amount not to exceed \$100,500. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance to enter into an agreement with the City of Keene, to provide funding and services under the Municipal Urban Projects – Compact Areas Program through a local project administration process, for an amount totaling \$4,312,800. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2019. **100% Federal Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD/BELKNAP COUNTY PROJECTS

[Authorized](#) the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the City of Somersworth, for the purpose of obtaining equipment to outfit an all-hazards mobile command vehicle, for a total of \$36,550. Effective upon G&C approval through May 31, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Durham, for the purpose of obtaining equipment to outfit an all-hazards mobile command vehicle, for a total of \$22,930. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2013. **100% Federal Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Paving Inc., Londonderry, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 15.9 miles of mainline and ramps on the Spaulding Turnpike in the City of Dover, on

the basis of a low bid of \$2,476,341. Effective upon G&C approval through September 13, 2013. **100% Turnpike Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries Inc., Belmont, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 27 miles in District VI and in Rockingham and Strafford Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,676,880. Effective upon G&C approval through September 27, 2013. **100% Betterment Funds.**

[Authorized](#) the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries Inc., Belmont, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 19 miles in District III and in Belknap, Carroll and Grafton Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,854,820. Effective upon G&C approval through August 23, 2013. **100% Betterment Funds.**

Authorized the confirmation of Tyler D. Chamberlain, Dover, NH, to the rank of Major, NH Army National Guard.

4. DETAIL: OTHER PROJECTS & POLICIES WITH STATEWIDE IMPACT

[Authorized](#) the Division of Travel and Tourism Development to enter into a **sole source** contract with NH Stories Inc., d/b/a NH Made, Andover, NH, to market NH made products and services, in the amount of \$65,000. Effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015. **100% General Funds.**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS:

(* = District 2 Resident)

CONFIRMED:

State Board of Education: Emma Rous, Durham*

NH Army National Guard: Captain Tyler Chamberlin of Dover to the rank of Major*

Cannon Mountain Advisory Commission: Karen K. Irwin, Hopkinton*

Dental Hygienists Cmte, Board of Dental Examiners: Jodi Carnes, Rollinsford*

Edu & Training Ofcr, Div of Personnel, Dept of Admin Svcs: Mary (Kate) McGovern, Penacook*

State Committee on Aging: Sherri W. Harden, Goffstown

Community College System of NH: Angela M. Roussel-Roberge, Mont Vernon

Board of Managers of the NH Veterans Home: Raymond J. Goulet, Manchester

NOMINATED FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE MTG:

Attorney General: Joseph A. Foster, Nashua

Dir of Historical Resources at the Dept of Cultural Resources: Elizabeth H. Muzzey, Concord*

Medical Review Subcommittee: Louis E. Rosenthall, Concord*

Racing and Charitable Gaming Commission: Dennis H. Caza, Goffstown

Dir of Accounting Svcs at the Dept of Admin Svcs: Karen L. Benincasa, Bow

Dep Cmsr of Dept of Admin Svcs: Michael P. Connor, Pembroke

Cannon Mtn Advisory Cmsn: Richard McLeod, Franconia; Dennis E. Murphy, Center Harbor

Compensation Appeals Board: Benjamin C. Baroody; Roger E. Gagnon, Manchester

Fish and Game Commission: Vincent E. Greco, Pembroke

Board of Medicine: Mark C. Sullivan, Stratham

Public Employee Labor Relations Board: Mark Hounsell, Conway

Speech-Language Pathology Governing Board: Deborah Snow-Major, Hooksett